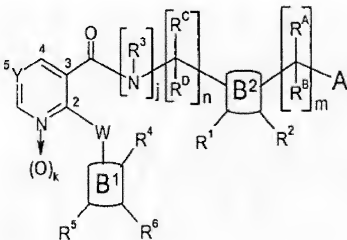


Listing of Claims:

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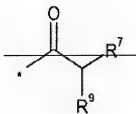
1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula (1.0.0):



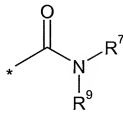
(1.0.0)

— wherein —

- j is 0 or 1; provided that when j is 0, n must be 2;
- k is 0 or 1;
- m is 0, 1, or 2;
- n is 1 or 2;
- A is



(1.1.3)



(1.1.3)

– wherein –

--“*” indicates the point of attachment of Formula (1.1.3) to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0);

--R⁷ is a member independently selected from the group consisting of
– the following: –

--(1) -H;

--(2) -(C₁-C₆) alkyl; -(C₂-C₆) alkenyl; or -(C₂-C₆) alkynyl; where said alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰;

– where –

---R¹⁰ is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl; pyridyl; -F; -Cl; -CF₃; oxo (=O); -OR¹⁶; -NO₂; -CN; -C(=O)OR¹⁶; -O-C(=O)R¹⁶; -C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -O-C(=O)NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)R¹⁷; -NR¹⁶C(=O)OR¹⁷; -NR¹⁶S(=O)₂R¹⁷; and -S(=O)₂NR¹⁶R¹⁷; where said phenyl or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 R¹²;

– where –

----R¹² is -F; -Cl; -CF₃; -CN; -NO₂; -OH; -(C₁-C₃) alkoxy; -(C₁-C₃) alkyl; or -NR¹⁶R¹⁷;

– and –

----R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₂-C₄) alkenyl; -(C₃-C₆) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; and pyridyl; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, benzyl, or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -CF₃, -CN, and -(C₁-C₃) alkyl;

---(3) -(CH₂)_u-(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl where u is 0, 1 or 2; and further where said (C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰ where R¹⁰ has the same meaning as defined above;

– and –

---(4) phenyl or benzyl, where said phenyl or benzyl is independently substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰ where R¹⁰ has the same meaning as defined above;

-----R¹⁸ is selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; and phenyl;

--R⁹ is a member selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; pyridyl; -C(=O)OR¹⁸; -C(=O)R¹⁸; -OR¹⁸; -(C₁-C₂) alkyl-OR¹⁸; and -(C₁-C₂) alkyl-C(=O)OR¹⁸; where R¹⁸ has the same meaning as defined above; however, when m is 0, and R⁷ is C₁ alkyl, then R⁹ is not H, and when m is 0, and R⁹ is C₁ alkyl, then R⁷ is not H;

-W is -O-; -S(=O)_t-, where t is 0, 1, or 2; or -N(R³)- where R³ has the same meaning as defined below;

-Y is =C(R^{1a})-, where R^{1a} has the same meaning as defined below;

— where —

--R^{1a} is a member selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -Cl; -CN; -NO₂; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₂-C₄) alkynyl; fluorinated-(C₁-C₃) alkyl; fluorinated-(C₁-C₃) alkoxy; -OR¹⁶; and -C(=O)NR^{12a}R^{12b};

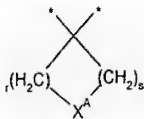
— where —

---R^{12a} and R^{12b} are each independently -H; -CH₃; -CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH₂(CH₃)₂; -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂; -C(CH₃)₃; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; or cyclopentyl;

-R^A and R^B are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -CF₃; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl; phenyl; and benzyl; wherein said cycloalkyl, phenyl, and benzyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁰ where R¹⁰ has the same meaning as defined above;

— or —

-R^A and R^B are taken together, but only in the case where m is 1, to form a spiro moiety of Formula (1.2.0):



(1.2.0)

— where —

--r and s are independently 0 to 4 provided that the sum of r + s is at least 1 but not greater than 5;

— and —

--X^A is -CH₂-, -CHR¹², or -C(R¹²)₂- where each R¹² is selected independently of the other and each has the same meaning as defined above; -NR¹⁵-, where R¹⁵ has the same meaning as defined above; -O-; or -S(=O)_t, where t is 0, 1, or 2; and said spiro moiety is substituted as to any one or more carbon atoms thereof by 0 to 3 substituents R¹⁴, as to a nitrogen atom thereof by 0 or 1 substituent R¹⁵, and as to a sulfur atom thereof by 0 or 2 oxygen atoms;

-R^C and R^D have the same meaning as defined above for R^A and R^B except that one of them must be -H, and they are selected independently of each other and of R^A and R^B;

-R¹ and R² may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety B² as defined below, and R¹ and R² are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -Cl; -CN; -NO₂; -(C₁-C₄) alkyl; -(C₂-C₄) alkenyl; fluorinated-(C₁-C₃) alkyl; -OR¹⁶, and -C(=O)NR^{12a}R^{12b}; where R^{12a} and R^{12b} have the same meanings as defined above;

-R³ is -H; -(C₁-C₃) alkyl; phenyl; benzyl; or -OR¹⁶, where R¹⁶ has the same meaning as defined above;

-R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety B¹ as defined below, and R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of

– the following: –

-(a) -H; provided that R^5 and R^6 are not both -H at the same time; -F; -Cl; $-(C_2-C_4)$ alkynyl; $-R^{16}$; $-OR^{16}$; $-S(=O)_pR^{16}$; $-C(=O)R^{16}$; $-C(=O)OR^{16}$; $-OC(=O)R^{16}$; -CN; $-NO_2$; $-C(=O)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-OC(=O)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=O)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=NR^{12})NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=NCN)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=N-NO_2)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-C(=NR^{12}_a)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-CH_2C(=NR^{12}_a)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-OC(=NR^{12}_a)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-OC(=N-NO_2)NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-CH_2NR^{16}R^{17}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=O)R^{16}$; $-NR^{12}_aC(=O)OR^{16}$; $=NOR^{16}$; $-NR^{12}_aS(=O)_pR^{17}$; $-S(=O)_pNR^{16}R^{17}$; and $-CH_2C(=NR^{12}_a)NR^{16}R^{17}$;

– where –

--p is 0, 1, or 2; and R^{12}_a , R^{16} , and R^{17} have the same meanings as defined above;

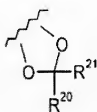
-(b) $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; and $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkoxy, where R^4 , R^5 , or R^6 has the meaning of $-OR^{16}$ under (A) above and R^{16} is defined as $-(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl; wherein said alkyl and alkoxy are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents -F or -Cl; or 0 or 1 substituent (C_1-C_2) alkoxycarbonyl-; (C_1-C_2) alkylcarbonyl-; or (C_1-C_2) alkylcarbonyloxy-;

– and –

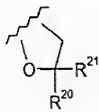
-(c) an aryl or heterocyclyl moiety selected from the group consisting of phenyl; benzyl; furanyl; tetrahydrofuranyl; oxetanyl; thienyl; tetrahydrothienyl; pyrrolyl; pyrrolidinyl; oxazolyl; oxazolidinyl; isoxazolyl; isoxazolidinyl; thiazolyl; thiazolidinyl; isothiazolyl; isothiazolidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolidinyl; oxadiazolyl; thiadiazolyl; imidazolyl; imidazolidinyl; pyridinyl; pyrazinyl; pyrimidinyl; pyridazinyl; piperidinyl; piperazinyl; triazolyl; triazinyl; tetrazolyl; pyranyl; azetidyl; morpholinyl; parathiazinyl; indolyl; indolinyl; benzo[b]furanyl; 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl; 2-*H*-chromenyl; chromanyl; benzothienyl; 1-*H*-indazolyl; benzimidazolyl; benzoxazolyl; benzisoxazolyl; benzthiazolyl; quinolinyl; isoquinolinyl; phthalazinyl; quinazolinyl; quinoxalyl; and purinyl; wherein said aryl and heterocyclyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 2 substituents R^{14} where R^{14} has the same meaning as defined above;

– or in the case where B^1 is phenyl –

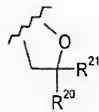
-(d) R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1) through (1.3.15):



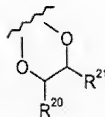
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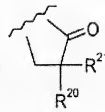
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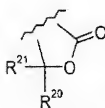
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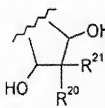
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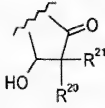
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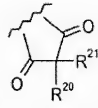
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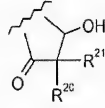
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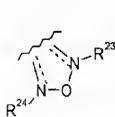
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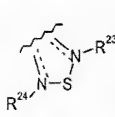
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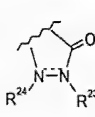
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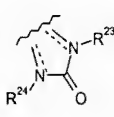
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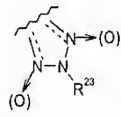
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(1.3.13)



(1.3.14)



(1.3.15)

— wherein —

$-R^{20}$ and R^{21} are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -Cl; -CH₃; -CH₂F; -CHF₂; -CF₃; -OCH₃; and -OCF₃;

$-R^{23}$ and R^{24} are each independently -H; -CH₃; -OCH₃; -CH₂CH₃; -OCH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH₂(CH₃)₂; -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃; -CH(CH₃)CH₂CH₃; -CH₂CH(CH₃)₂;

-C(CH₃)₃; or absent, in which case the dashed line - - - represents a double bond,

provided that in partial Formula (1.3.11) R^{23} and R^{24} may not both be absent at the same time;

-B¹ is a moiety comprising a saturated or unsaturated carbon ring system that is 3- to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is 7- to 12-membered, fused or discontinuous, polycyclic;

– wherein –

said moiety defining B¹ is substituted on any ring or rings thereof by R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which have the same meaning as defined above;

-B² is a moiety comprising a saturated or unsaturated carbon ring system that is 3- to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is 7- to 12-membered, fused or discontinuous, polycyclic;

– wherein –

said moiety defining B² is substituted on any ring or rings thereof by R^1 and R^2 , which have the same meaning as defined above;

– or –

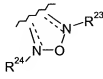
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2.-7. (cancelled).

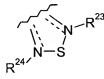
8. (original) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein the moiety B¹ is phenyl and R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), and (1.3.15):



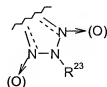
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(1.3.15)

9. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein B¹ and the substituents R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are selected in such a way that the left-hand terminus of said compound of Formula (1.0.0) is represented by the following partial Formulas



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(1.8.2)



(1.8.3)



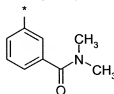
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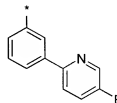
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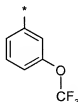
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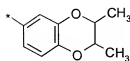
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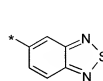
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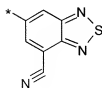
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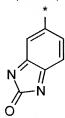
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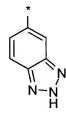
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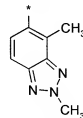
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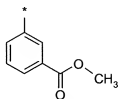
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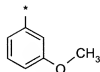
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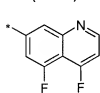
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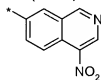
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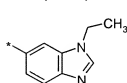
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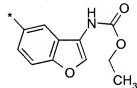
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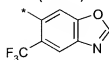
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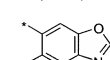
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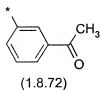
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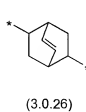
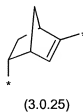
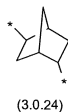
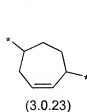
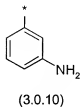
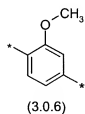
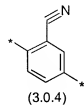
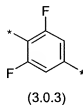
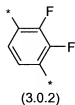
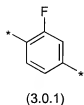
(1.8.70)



(1.8.69)



10. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein B² and the substituents R¹ and R² are selected in such a way that this portion of the right-hand terminus of said compound of Formula (1.0.0) is represented by the following partial Formulas

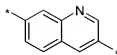




(3.0.30)



(3.0.31)



(3.0.32)



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(3.0.37)



(3.0.46)



(3.0.47)

11.-12. (cancelled).

13. (previously presented) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein B¹ and B² are independently phenyl; m is 1; n is 1; A is a moiety of partial Formula (1.1.3) where R⁷ is -H, or -CH₃ or phenyl independently substituted by 0 or 1 R¹⁰ where R¹⁰ is pyridyl or phenyl substituted by 0-2 of -F, -Cl, -OCH₃, -CN, -NO₂, or -NR¹⁶R¹⁷ where R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are -H or -CH₃; or R¹⁰ is -F, -Cl, -CF₃, -CN, -OCH₃, -NO₂, -C(=O)OR¹⁶, NR¹⁶R¹⁷, or -S(=O)₂NR¹⁶R¹⁷ where R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ are -H or -CH₃; R⁹ is -H or -CH₃; W is -O-; Y is =C(R^{1a})₂; R^{1a} is -H; or -F; R^A and R^B are independently -H or -CH₃; or R^A and R^B are taken together to form a -(C₃-C₇) cycloalkyl-spiro moiety; one of R^C and R^D is -H and the other is -H or -CH₃; R¹ and R² are -H, -F, or -OCH₃; R³ is -H or -CH₃; and R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are -H provided that R⁵ and R⁶ are not both -H at the same time, -F, -Cl, -OCH₃, -CN; -NO₂, or -C(=O)R³ or -C(=O)OR³ where R³ is -CH₃; or R⁵ and R⁶ are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), or (1.3.15), where for partial Formulas (1.3.11), (1.3.12), and (1.3.15), R²³ and R²⁴ are both absent.

14. (original) A compound according to Claim 13 wherein R^7 is -H; R^9 is -H; R^A and R^B are taken together to form a cyclopropyl-spiro or cyclobutyl-spiro moiety; R^C and R^D are both -H; R^3 is -H; R^4 and R^5 are both -H, and R^6 is -F; or R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1) or (1.3.11).

15.-16. (cancelled).

17. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein said compound is a member selected from the group consisting of the following:

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4-(1-carbamoyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-benzyl]-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(4-carbamoylmethyl-benzyl)-nicotinamide;

N-(4-Carbamoylmethyl-2-fluoro-benzyl)-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4-(1-carbamoyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-2-fluoro-benzyl]-nicotinamide;

N-[4-(1-Carbamoyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-2-fluoro-benzyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4-(1-methyl-1-methylcarbamoyl-ethyl)-benzyl]-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4-[1-(cyclopropylmethyl-carbamoyl)-1-methyl-ethyl]-benzyl]-nicotinamide; or

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[4-(1-ethylcarbamoyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-benzyl]-nicotinamide.

18.-22. (cancelled).